



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 231

A bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 15, 2007

SUMMARY

S. 231 would authorize the appropriation of \$1.095 billion annually for each fiscal year through 2012 for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. Current law authorizes funding for this program through fiscal year 2009. CBO estimates that implementing S. 231 would cost about \$2.3 billion over the 2007-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 231 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 231 is shown in the following table. Current law authorizes the appropriation of \$1.095 billion for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2007 through 2009 for the JAG program. Congress appropriated \$709 million for this program for 2007, however, and CBO estimated the current authorization levels for 2008 and 2009 by adjusting that amount for inflation.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by S. 231 will be appropriated by the beginning of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical spending rates for these activities. We also assume that there will be no additional appropriations enacted for fiscal year 2007 for the JAG program. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority/Authorization Level ^a	709	727	745	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	740	717	718	553	350	206
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	368	350	1,095	1,095	1,095
Estimated Outlays	0	81	187	420	695	889
Spending Under S. 231						
Budget Authority/Authorization Level ^a	709	1,095	1,095	1,095	1,095	1,095
Estimated Outlays	740	798	905	973	1,045	1,095
<p>a. The 2007 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the JAG program. Because the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-162) combined the Byrne Grant program and the Local Government Law Enforcement Block Grant program to form the JAG program, the 2007 level includes \$189 million for Byrne discretionary grants.</p>						

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 231 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, state, local, and tribal governments would receive more than \$2 billion over the 2008-2012 period for law enforcement programs. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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